GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have provided financial assistance to States for development of seeds during the last two years upto February 28, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the number of Government agricultural farms running in losses during above mentioned period, State-wise; and

(d) the remedial steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The details of financial assistance provided to States by the Union Government for developmentof seeds during the last two years upto February 28, 2001 is enclosed in Annexure.

(c) & (d) The number of Central Government agricultural farms running in loss is as follows:-

National seeds Corporation:- 3 farms, one each in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Himachal Pradesh, are runing in loss.

State Farms Corporation of India Ltd:- 10 farms, as per details given below are running in loss-

Rajasthan	3
Uttar Pradesh	2
Assam	2
Punjab	1
Karnataka	1
Tamil Nadu	1

The remedial steps taken/proposed to be taken for overcoming the losses are as under:-

- Irrigation and other infrastructure facilities for the development of farms to be improved.

- Intensive cropping by adopting standard package of practices and technical knowhow cropwise in consultation with Indian Council of Agricultural Research scientists and State Agriculture Universities to be followed.

- Production of breeder, foundation & certified seeds of high value crops like oilseeds, pulses and vegetables, and test-stock seed multiplication of newly released varieties is being undertaken.

- Taking up of seed production of green manure seeds (Dhaincha) in wasteland.

- Creation of own Research and Development facilities for bringing improvement in quality production and multiplication of seeds.

- Implementation of Voluntary Retirement Scheme/Voluntary Separation Scheme to reduce thedisproporationate wage bill of the farms in the coming years.

- Intensive marketing of seeds.

Annexure

The Details of Financial Assistance provided to States by Union Government ofdevelopment of Seeds under various Crop Development Programmes/Schemes during the last two years upto February 28, 2001.

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl.No.	States	1999-2000	2000-2001
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2121.58	1277.55
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	202.96	166.15
3.	Assam	279.98	227.94
4.	Bihar	132.83	213.50
5.	Goa	19.08	27.85
6.	Gujarat	1371.86	1010.07
7	Haryana	797.71	432.40
8.	Himachal Pradesh	140.60	110.76
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	148.98	59.70
10.	Karnataka	977.44	727.47
11.	Kerala	149.64	122.05
12.	Madhya Pradesh	1653.59	1418.26
13.	Maharashtra	1549.95	1222.30
14.	Manipur	354.61	407.45
15.	Meghalaya	174.27	102.19
16.	Mizoram	180.22	203.48
17.	Nagaland	281.13	289.26
18.	Orissa	1431.24	438.55
19.	Punjab	728.78	457.74
20.	Rajasthan	1792.32	1319.59
21.	Sikkim	103.40	68.55
22.	Tamil Nadu	1095.53	906.96
23.	Tripura	269.95	303.47
24.	Uttar Pradesh	2617.93	1674.91
25.	West Bengal	421.51	291.52
26.	Pondicherry	7.40	20.30
27.	Delhi	10.30	0.18
28.	Chandirarh	4.00	
29.	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	4.00	
30.	Daman & Diu	3.00	
	Total	19025.79	13500.15
31.	Other National level organisations +	1669.51	2176.61

+ National Seeds Corporation Limited, State Farms Corporation of India Limited, Krishak Bharati Co-operative Limited, National Horticulture Research Development Foundation and Agri Finance Corporation.